UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Criminal No.
V.	Violation:
KENNETH PONTZ,	Count One: Theft of Government Money (18 U.S.C. § 641)
Defendant	Forfeiture Allegation: (18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461)

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE Theft of Government Money (18 U.S.C. § 641)

The Grand Jury charges:

From in or about May 2014 through in or about June 2020, in the District of Massachusetts, the defendant,

KENNETH PONTZ,

did, on a recurring basis, knowingly and willfully embezzle, steal, purloin, and convert to his use and the use of another, any money and thing of value of the United States and of any department and agency thereof, in a total amount greater than \$1,000, namely, Social Security disability benefits, having a value of approximately \$63,871.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641.

<u>FORFEITURE ALLEGATION</u> (18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c))

The Grand Jury further finds:

1. Upon conviction of the offense in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641, set forth in Count One, the defendant,

KENNETH PONTZ,

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the offense. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, the following asset:

- a. \$63,871, to be entered in the form of a forfeiture money judgment.
- 2. If any of the property described in Paragraph 1, above, as being forfeitable pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), as a result of any act or omission of the defendant -
 - a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
 - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
 - c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
 - d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
 - e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

it is the intention of the United States, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), incorporating Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the property described in Paragraph 1 above.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

A TRUE BILL

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

District of Massachusetts: JUNE 16, 2022 Returned into the District Court by the Grand Jurors and filed.

/s/ Noreen A. Russo

DEPUTY CLERK at 11:33 AM